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RE: * Docket Numbers:
98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To Whom It May Concern:

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. There is enough illness in this country without executing this petition. More than warning labels on egg cartons and regulation of egg refrigeration temperature should be enforced to create a healthier environment for the hens and in turn, for our food to be safer to eat.

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. To make matters worse, the FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs.

THE CRUELTY & CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED AND MUST END NOW!

**THE FDA WAS PETITIONED IN APRIL 1998 TO BAN FORCED MOLTING.
THIS PETITION SHOULD BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.**

As American Citizens, we strongly urge you to carry out this petition for the health and welfare of all of us and our future generations to come.

Sincerely,



Phil & Sue Ellin

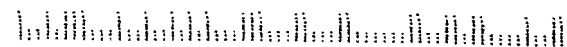
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